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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The family of JP 10-202153 cited herein includes: EP Patent no. EP 0 854 024 A2
US Patent no. 6,319,321 B1

The family of JP 10-309803 cited herein includes: EP Patent no. 0 875 382 A2
US Patent no. 6,022,104

The family of JP 2001-345176 cited herein includes: EP Patent no. EP 1 128 449 A2 US Patent Published Application no. US 2001/0017409 A1 The family of WO 98/12689 cited herein includes: EP Patent no. EP 0 862 156 A1 US Patent Published Application no. US 2002/0075422 A1

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has not been received in this case, so Applicant does not believe that a fee is due. However, if any such fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

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